

**CRS No. A-00007**

Name: Dwelling, 135 Bowers Beach Road

Address: 135 Bowers Beach Road

Tax Parcel: 8-00-12216-01-0200-00001

Date of Construction/Major Alteration: ca. 1930/ca. 1960/ca. 1970/ca. 1990

Time Period: 1880-1940±, Industrialization and Early Urbanization; 1940-1960±, Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts (Residential Architecture) and Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes (Community Development)

*Description*

This residential property is located on the north side of Bowers Beach Road in South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, south of the unincorporated community of Little Heaven. The property includes a gable-front cottage constructed ca. 1930 that was moved to this location ca. 1960 and a modern prefabricated shed. The one-story dwelling sits back from Bowers Beach Road and faces south, parallel to the roadway. Poplar Street forms the western property boundary. The dwelling rests on a concrete block foundation. Vinyl siding covers the exterior walls of the dwelling, which is capped by a front gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The dwelling's façade (south elevation) is obscured by a one-story, full-width enclosed porch lit by one-over-one light, aluminum-sash storm windows. A flush wood door, protected by a storm door, provides access to the interior. The dwelling is primarily lit by one-over-one light, double-hung sash wood windows, although a set of paired two-over-two light, double-hung sash wood windows are located in the west elevation. A paneled steel door with nine lights provides access to the interior in the west elevation's rear wing. This entrance is accessed by poured concrete steps.

A modern, prefabricated shed is located along the northern property boundary of the property within an enclosed rear yard. The property includes several mature trees and minimal landscaping around the dwelling's foundation. A gravel parking area is located along Poplar Street toward the rear of the dwelling. The rear yard is enclosed by a modern wood fence. Post-1961 mobile homes are located to the east and to the north of the property.

*Historical Narrative*

Although unconfirmed, this dwelling presents a similar form to that of properties located at 155 and 195 Bowers Beach, and was likely moved to this location. The dwelling is depicted in its present location on an aerial photograph of the area dating to 1961. The property is currently owned by Scott Sealand and appears to be utilized as a residential rental property.

*National Register Evaluation*

The property at 135 Bowers Beach Road was evaluated as a Front Gable Cottage. Although located along the north side of Bowers Beach Road amidst other residential strip development, the property was moved to this location and has no potential to yield information on residential development practices, and therefore is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A. Based on the background research conducted for this project, the property does not appear to be associated with an individual of historic importance; therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion B. With its altered front porch and the application of modern siding, the dwelling is an altered example of a common early- to mid-twentieth-century form and is not a

notable example of the architecture of its time. The dwelling lacks integrity of materials, workmanship, and design; therefore, the property is not eligible for National Register listing under Criterion C. The property does not appear to possess the potential to yield information on building practices or methods of construction; therefore, the property does not appear to be eligible for listing under Criterion D. Due to lack of significance, the property at 135 Bowers Beach Road is not eligible for listing in the National Register.

The property is one of approximately 16 properties located amidst former farmland that was subdivided for residential construction during the late 1940s to mid-1950s, and again in the 1970s. The majority of the residences along Bowers Beach Road, east of U.S. 113, were constructed ca. 1950 to present, with earlier examples that were moved to the small rectangular lots from other locations. These dates reflect a wide range of construction patterns; therefore, the development is not an early example of the common twentieth-century trend of subdividing lands located close to major highways. For this reason, the strip development is not eligible under Criterion A. The strip development does not appear to be associated with persons of critical importance to the historic development of the area; therefore, the property is not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The strip development contains dwellings that were constructed during a variety of time periods and include a wide range of forms. The development lacks a cohesive identity, and therefore the grouping could not be considered eligible under Criterion C as a distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction. The development does not appear to possess the potential to yield information on twentieth-century land development practices; therefore, the development does not appear to be eligible for listing under Criterion D.

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A-00007. Photograph 1: Overview of 135 Bowers Beach Road, west and south elevations, view looking northeast. Note the enclosed porch.



A-00007. Photograph 2: Dwelling, south and east elevations, looking northwest. Mature trees are located near the southwestern and southeastern corners of the property.

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A-00007. Photograph 3: Dwelling, north and west elevations, looking southeast. A gravel parking area is located at the northwestern corner of the dwelling.



A-00007. Photograph 4: Shed, west and south elevations, looking northeast. The modern, prefabricated shed is located along the northern property boundary within an enclosed rear yard.



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY  
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS # A-00007  
SPO Map 12-13-18  
Hundred South Murderkill  
Quad Frederica  
Other 8-00-12216-01-0400-000

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Dwelling, 135 Bowers Beach Road
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 135 Bowers Beach Road
3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Little Heaven vicinity? ☒
4. MAIN TYPE OF RESOURCE:      building ☒      structure ☐      site ☐      object ☐  
   landscape ☐      district ☐
5. MAIN FUNCTION OF PROPERTY: Residential
6. PROJECT TITLE/ REASON FOR SURVEY (if applicable):  
SR1, Little Heaven Grade Separated Intersection Improvements


7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

#:	Form:	List property types:
1	CRS 2 Main Building Form	Dwelling
0	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	N/A
0	CRS 4 Archaeological Site Form	N/A
0	CRS 5 Structure (Building-Like) Form	N/A
0	CRS 6 Structure (Land Feature) Form	N/A
0	CRS 7 Object Form	N/A
0	CRS 8 Landscape Elements Form	N/A
1	CRS 9 Map Form	N/A
0	CRS 14 Potential District Form	N/A

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Catherine M. Dluzak/Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator name: Barbara Frederick/Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator signature: 

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 09/24/2008

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

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The property includes a *circa*-1930 front gable cottage and a modern prefabricated shed. The shed is located along the northern property boundary within the rear yard, which is enclosed by a wood fence. The property is flanked to the east by a *circa*-1975 mobile home and to the west by East Poplar Street.

The dwelling does not appear on a 1954 aerial photograph of the area but is in place by 1961. The building style suggests it was constructed ca. 1930. As two other front gable cottages (201 Bowers Beach Road, A-00004 and 155 Bowers Beach Road, A-00006) were moved to nearby lots from Bowers Beach ca. 1960, it is also likely that this dwelling was moved to this location at the same time.

10. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- ☐ Pre-European Contact
- ☐ Paleo-Indian
- ☐ Archaic
- ☐ Woodland I
- ☐ Woodland II

- ☐ 1600-1750 ☒ Contact Period (Native American)
- ☐ 1630-1730 ☒ Exploration and Frontier Settlement
- ☐ 1730-1770 ☒ Intensified and Durable Occupation
- ☐ 1770-1830 ☒ Early Industrialization
- ☐ 1830-1880 ☒ Industrialization and Early Urbanization
- ☒ 1880-1940 ☒ Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
- ☒ 1940-1960 ☒ Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

b) Geographical zone

- ☐ Piedmont
- ☒ Upper Peninsula
- ☐ Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
- ☐ Coastal
- ☐ Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture           | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining/Quarrying      | <input type="checkbox"/> Government   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing/Oystering     | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing         | <input type="checkbox"/> Education  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retailing/Wholesaling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizations                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance               | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events                   |

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY  
MAIN BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 135 Bowers Beach Road
2. FUNCTION(S): Historic Dwelling current Dwelling
3. YEAR BUILT: 1930 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Gable-front cottage
5. INTEGRITY: Original site ☐ moved ☒  
if moved, from where other location's CRS # year  
Unknown (does not appear on 1954 aerial) Not previously surveyed ca. 1960  
N/A N/A N/A  
list major alterations and additions with years (if known) year  
a. Enclosed front porch ca. 1970  
b. Vinyl siding ca. 1990
6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐
7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)
- a. Overall shape: Rectilinear Stories: One  
Additions: N/A
- b. Structural system (if known): Frame
- c. Foundation: materials: Concrete block  
basement: full ☐ partial ☐ not visible ☒ no basement ☐
- d. Exterior walls (original if visible & any subsequent coverings): Vinyl siding
- e. Roof: shape: Front gable  
materials: Asphalt shingles  
cornice: Simple  
dormers: N/A  
chimney: location(s): N/A
8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
- a. Facade: Direction: South
- 1) Bays Four (4)
- 2) Windows 8
- Fenestration Regular
- type (1) set of 2 and (2) sets of 3, 1/1 aluminum sash storm windows
- Trim Wood
- shutters N/A

**Facade (cont'd)**

- 3) Door(s) 1
  - location Off-center
  - Type Flush wood with aluminum storm
  - Trim Wood
- 4) Porch(es) Full-width, asphalt shingle-clad, hipped roof, enclosed porch with wood siding

**b. Side: Direction: East**

- 1) Bays Two (2)
- 2) Windows 2
  - Fenestration Regular
  - type 1/1 double-hung sash wood
  - Trim Vinyl
  - shutters N/A
- 3) Door(s) 0
  - location N/A
  - type N/A
  - trim N/A
- 4) Porch(es) N/A

**c. Side: Direction: West**

- 1) Bays Three (3)
- 2) Windows 2
  - Fenestration Irregular
  - type (1) paired, 1/1 double-hung sash wood; (1) 1/1 double-hung sash wood
  - trim Vinyl
  - shutters Inoperable, louvered, aluminum
- 3) Door(s) 1
  - location 1<sup>st</sup> bay in rear (north) addition
  - type Paneled steel with 9 lights
  - trim Vinyl
- 4) Porch(es) Wood steps

**d. Rear: Direction: North**

- 1) Bays Two (2)
- 2) Windows 2
  - Fenestration Irregular
  - type 1/1 double-hung sash wood
  - trim Vinyl
  - Shutters N/A
- 3) Door(s) 0
  - location N/A
  - type N/A
  - trim N/A
- 4) Porch(es) N/A

9. **INTERIOR:** Not accessible.

10. **LANDSCAPING:** Numerous mature trees. Plantings along foundation.

11. **OTHER COMMENTS:** The rear yard of this corner lot is enclosed within a modern, wood fence and includes a modern, prefabricated shed. Homeowner did not answer door during survey. Speculation that this dwelling was moved to this location ca. 1960 due to 1930s form of dwelling and its lack of appearance on aerial photography until 1961.





CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY  
MAP FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 135 Bowers Beach Road

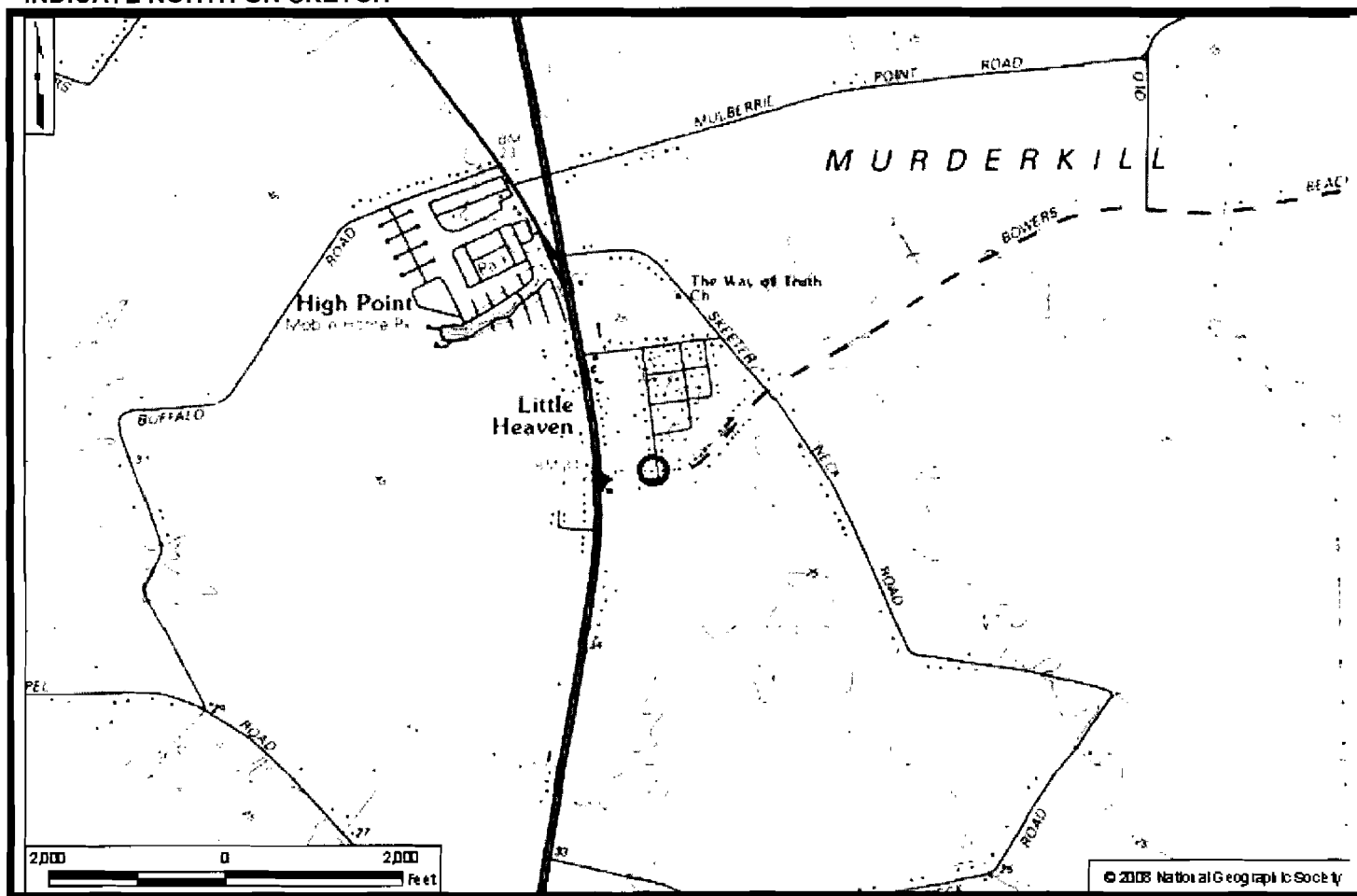
2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION ☐ reason: \_\_\_\_\_

3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map )

INDICATE NORTH ON SKETCH



INDICATE NORTH ON PLAN

